



August 18, 2006

Ms. Alicia Matthews, Commissioner
DTE
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Commissioner Matthews:

On behalf of ¿Oíste?, The Massachusetts Latino Political Organization, I would like to voice our support for Verizon's efforts to provide cable television competition in Massachusetts.

Founded in 2000, ¿Oíste? is the first and only statewide Latino political organization in Massachusetts. Our mission is to promote the principles and practice of democracy and to advance the political, social and economic standing of Latinos and Latinas in the state. We seek to reach these goals by providing civic education, leadership development, advocacy and civic participation. For ¿Oíste?, cable competition is an important public policy matter.

Verizon has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to deliver a network that will empower Latinos and Latinas for decades to come. This network will give our communities greater access to technology, job and education opportunities, and entertainment choices. We should give Verizon and other competitors every incentive possible to expand this network to more homes.

The petition before you today provides that needed incentive by giving Verizon the freedom to offer a full selection of voice, cable and video services now, not later, and to deliver the return on that investment back to our communities. We all benefit from the choice and competition those incentives bring.

I urge you to act without delay in favor of CTV 06-01. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Giovanna Negretti
Executive Director